

## News Release

# U of M Crookston SIFE Celebrates Success of "Clean Water for Everyone" Project with Bore Holes in Nigeria

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Members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston are excited about the success of their project to provide access to clean water to locations in Nigeria and Nepal. Two bore holes were recently completed in Nigeria near Amai College with a second at the Amai Nursery and Primary school in Ajangbadi, Ojo, local government of Nigeria. Placing the bore holes at a school allows them to be consistently monitored and creates a venue to allow the surrounding community members to gain access to clean water. The two bore holes in Nigeria were made possible in great part to the leadership of U of M, Crookston Senior Wemimo Samson Abbey, a business major from Lagos, Nigeria. After the earthquake in Haiti in 2010, Abbey taught UMC SIFE about the lack of access to clean water seen around the world. The Clean Water for Everyone initiative was established to help provide access

to clean water in third world countries in response to this critical need. The clean water projects have been supported by members of the campus and community. Last February, SIFE hosted a Clean Water for Everyone benefit dinner which raised over \$3,000. The proceeds from the dinner helped fund the two bore holes in Nigeria.

Others who have been involved in leading SIFE's clean water effort include Anthony Taylor, a senior majoring in management from Sheridan, Wyo.; Tashi Gurung, a senior majoring in environmental sciences from Mustang, Nepal; and Alex Buscher, a senior majoring in business from Brainerd, Minn.

The organization is advised by business instructors Kenneth Johnson, Courtney Bergman and Rachel Lundbohm.

Taylor, who is the president of UMC SIFE is excited about the way the project has come to fruition. "As a team, we are ever so grateful to Crookston and the surrounding community for their financial contributions and to the campus that has so graciously supported us," Taylor said. "If it weren't for the help of community members and departments like UMC Sodexo Dining Services the benefit dinner fundraiser would not have been so successful." Taylor also commented that the SIFE team was grateful that Abbey was willing to spend a part of his summer at work on the project in Nigeria as "he was the final push needed to make this dream a reality."

The project in Nigeria is SIFE's second clean water project designed to help supply a community with water. In Nepal, SIFE is funding a water filtration system for a boarding school. The system pumps water out of a river, filters it, and then supplies the clean water to the school. Both projects are the result of connections by students from Nigeria and Nepal who attend the U of M, Crookston.

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